(b) and (c) As per present FM (Phase-II) Policy, no news and current affairs is allowed in private FM channels.

(d) No, Sir.

Industry Status to Cable Industry

809. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to confer industry status to cable industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Small Scale Industries has already recognized the installation and operation of cable TV networks as Small Scale Service and Business (Industry Related) Enterprises (SSSBEs).

(c) Does not arise.

Status of second phase of FM radio in Andhra Pradesh

810. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the second phase of FM Radio;

(b) the number of additional frequencies likely to be allotted, State-wise, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to include all parts of the country in any one of the FM channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the second phase of FM Radio is likely to be broadcast?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The bidding of frequencies for Phase-II of FM radio broadcasting has been conducted between 6.1.06 to 3.2.06. Out of 337 channels across 91 cities in the country put on bidding, 280 channels have been successfully bid. The State-wise details showing number of frequencies offered and successfully bid in the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh, are at Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The successful bidders are required to complete various formalities within nine months and sign the Grant of Permission Agreement (GoPA) with Government of India. The FM stations have to be operationalised within 12 months from the date of signing of agreement.

Statement

State-wise details of frequency allocation in Phase-II of FM Radio Broadcasting

Sl. No.	State	No. of Channels offered	No. of channels successfully Bid
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4	2
2.	Andhra Pradesh	22	15
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	3
4.	Assam	4	4
5.	Bihar	8	4
6.	Chandigarh	2	2
7.	Chhattisgarh	8	8
8.	Daman and Diu	2	2
9.	Delhi	6	5
10.	Goa	3	3
11.	Gujarat	16	15
12.	Haryana	6	6
13.	Himachal Pradesh	4	3
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	7	2
15.	Jharkhand	8	7
16.	Karnataka	19	14
17.	Kerala	17	17
18.	Madhya Pradesh	19	16

Sl. No.	State	No. of Channels offered	No. of channels successfully bid
19.	Maharashtra	42	36
20.	Manipur	4	2
21.	Meghalaya	4	3
22.	Mizoram	4	2
23.	Nagaland	4	2
24.	Orissa	8	6
25.	Pondicherry	3	3
26.	Punjab	12	12
27.	Rajasthan	25	23
28.	Sikkim	4	4
29.	Tamil Nadu	23	20
30.	Tripura	4	3
31.	Uttar Pradesh	30	25
32.	West Bengal	11	11
	TOTAL:	337	280

Setting up of Radio towers

811. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Radio towers in some cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total cost of establishing such towers;

(d) the cities where towers have not been set up; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Some of the cities where Doordarshan Towers exist, Radio towers have not been set up as FM Radio channels/additional